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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 17, paragraph 3, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 11 December 2015, invited the States parties to the Convention to submit their nominations by 7 March 2016 for the election of 11 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. The details of 23 nominees are contained in document CEDAW/SP/2016/2. Three additional nominations have been received, as follows: Amal al-Mannai (Qatar), Asma Khader (Jordan) and Sarah M. Kilemi (Kenya).

2. The curricula vitae of the above-mentioned candidates, as provided by their Governments, are set out in the annex to the present note.

3. In a note dated 11 March 2016, the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Office at Geneva informed the secretariat of the decision of its Government to withdraw the nomination of Tamader al-Rammah as a candidate for election to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

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Annex

Curricula vitae of candidates*

Amal al-Mannai (Qatar)

Date and place of birth

12 August 1962, Doha

Working languages

Arabic, English

Current position/function

Chief Executive Officer of the Qatar Foundation for Social Work, a civil society organization that includes six institutions specialized in attaining the different needs of different social groups.

Main professional activities

- Member of the National Human Rights Committee representing civil society in the State of Qatar
- Active member in the National Committee of International Humanitarian Law, Ministry of Justice
- Active member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Qatar University

Educational background

Ms. Al-Mannai holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Suliman S. Olayan School of Business at the American University of Beirut. She also holds a Master of Science degree (MSc) in Public Policy and Management from London University and a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Economics from the University of Qatar.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Her vast experience and contribution to civil society as well as her advocacy role in relation to women's and children's rights introduces Ms. Al-Mannai as a key reference and consultant in the social and sustainable community development domains at the national level for governmental, non-governmental and private sector entities, as well as at the international level.

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights

A set of working papers, presentations and studies focusing on:

- Enhancing civil society's role in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals post-2015 in terms of promoting equality between men and women and

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

women's empowerment, Conference on Sustainable Development and Disaster Reduction, Doha, November 2015

- The utilization of statistical data in the formulation of family policies and the implementation thereof, World Statistics Day Forum, Doha, October 2015
- The promotion of family research and policy in the Arab world; Annual Conference of the Doha International Family Institute, entitled "The Arab Family in an Age of Transition: Challenges and Resilience", Doha, May 2015
- The role of non-governmental organizations in family policies and well-being, the Doha International Family Institute Conference on "Empowering Families, a Pathway to Development", Doha, April 2014
- Women's reality in the energy sector; Women in Energy Summit, Doha, 2015
- Encouraging the community participation of youth and women, Second Entrepreneurship in Economic Development Forum, Doha, March 2015
- Joint study on the Personal Status Law in the State of Qatar

Asma Khader (Jordan)

Date and place of birth

Az Zababidah, 25 January 1952

Working languages

Arabic and English

Current position/function

- Former Commissioner and Vice-President of the Independent Election Commission, established as part of political reform and constitutional amendments in Jordan in 2011. Responsible for managing public elections at national, regional and local levels. Working for fair, inclusive and trustful democratic elections.
- Founder and currently Chairperson — Advisory Board at Sisterhood is Global Institute, Jordan, an active and well-known women's rights non-governmental organization, established 1998.

Main professional activities

- Teacher at a girls' secondary school in Amman, 1974-1977
- Journalist at *Al Akhbar* daily newspaper, 1977-1979
- Practising lawyer for 32 years as a human rights, women's rights and legal reform lawyer
- Former Secretary-General of the Jordanian National Commission for Women (2007-2014)
- Former Minister of State, official spokesperson of the Government and Minister of Culture (2003-2005)
- Former Senator, Member of the 26th Jordanian House of Senates

Educational background

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree, Law

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Former member of the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists, President of the Jordanian Women's Union, founder member, Chairperson and adviser for many civil society entities and national institutions such as the Royal Committee for the Drafting of the National Charter, the National Dialogue Committee, the National Centre for Human Rights, the National Council for Family Affairs, the Jordanian Economic and Social Council and other regional international organizations involved in human rights, women's and children's rights and the role of law, peace and security, transitional justice, gender-based violence, development and civil society. Attended many related United Nations conferences, consultation meetings and hundreds of other activities. Initiated and led campaigns, networks and

programmes for the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and other women's rights, human rights conventions and standards, legal amendments and policies and services for the advancement of women and girls.

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights

Hundreds of lectures, speeches, interviews, papers, reports and legal informative material on the Convention, women's rights and human rights; contributions to collective publications, more practical than academic. Some of the published books and reports are "The Law and the Future of Palestinian Women", "200 Questions and answers on Women Legal Rights", "The Jordanian Constitution from a gender perspective, suggested amendments" and "The Advancemen: of Jordanian Women".

Sarah M. Kilemi (Kenya)

Date and place of birth

25 December 1962, Meru, Kenya

Working languages

English, French

Current position/function

- Chief Administrator of international human rights organization dealing with crimes committed against humanity in Rwanda
- Economic and Human Rights Adviser for the Village Trust, women and youth empowerment organization, United Nations adviser and focal point on gender parity and mainstreaming of gender issues in all programmes at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
- Patron of Uringu Girls secondary schools to promote the rights of the girl child in rural secondary schools
- United Nations investigator on cases of harassment and sexual abuse and exploitation, especially among women employees

Main professional activities

- Advocacy, policy development and implementation
- Civic education and capacity-building among women and girls
- Promotion of good governance of public resources through development of plans and conducting implementation reviews
- Resource mobilization for women groups to undertake income generation projects
- Mentoring and empowering students and searching for sponsors of poor girls to pursue education (see www.villagefunds.org)

Educational background

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Development Economics with focus on the role of women in development, from Aachen Technical University, Germany
- Doctor of Humanities — in recognition of community work on women's and girls' empowerment, Bethel University College, United States of America
- Postgraduate Diploma in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom, with elective courses on Human Rights Law on Gender, Poverty and Sexuality Issues
- Master's in International Business Administration, majoring in Finance
- Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Associate Degree in Information Science

- Certified public accountant and certification by the United Nations in investigation of abuse of authority, harassment and discrimination and sexual abuse and sex exploitation

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

I am a trained counsellor and mediator on labour and family disputes, most of which have to do with discrimination against woman.

Being a woman who has worked in senior international positions for over 25 years and lived in and travelled to more than 50 countries I have come face to face with discrimination from a gender and racial perspective which has enfolded my desire to ensure that others do not go through the same experience.

Possession of proven experience in negotiating, lobbying and articulating positions at international forums, workshops and conferences with proven ability to bring about consensus even on divisive and emotive issues touching on culture and traditions.

I am a trained human rights advocate with focus on gender and sexuality and I have been recognized and issued with an honorary doctoral degree by the University of Bethel in Indiana, United States, for my role in women's and girls' empowerment and I have been invited to give graduation speeches at their campus on my experiences in the fight against discrimination on women and girls.

I am well versed in and familiar with the political environment in Kenya, having participated in civic education and awareness-raising on the role of women in development.

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights

- Kilemi S.M. (2005), "Efficiency and Sustainability of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs): With Reference to Women-led NGOs in Kenya", PhD thesis, University of Aachen, Germany (Shaker Verlag)
- Kilemi, S.M. (1997), "Loan Repayment Trends By Women in the Service industry: A Comparative Study of Nairobi, Kenya Rural Enterprise Programme Clients by Gender", Master's thesis, United States International University, Nairobi
- Kilemi, S.M. (1997), "Ways of Creating Organisational Leadership and Competence: A case study of Business Machines Kenya Limited", unpublished academic project, United States International University, Nairobi
- Kilemi, S. M. (1997), "Useful Management Lessons Learnt from the Operations of United Nations Operation for Somalia (UNOSOM). What went wrong?" (Nairobi)